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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: cultural development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 94 (see A/55/581, para. 2). Action on sub-item (c) was taken at the 25th and 42nd meetings, on 25 October and 8 December 2000. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.25 and 42).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 and A/C.2/55/L. 60

2. At the 25th meeting, on 25 October, the representative of Uruguay, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Culture and development" (A/C.2/55/L.10), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/179 of 16 December 1996, 52/197 of 18 December 1997 and 53/184 of 15 December 1998 on cultural development,

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"*Encouraged* by the positive international response to the results of the World Commission on Culture and Development and the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Stockholm from 30 March to 2 April 1998,

"*Noting* the steps taken by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations in the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development adopted at the Stockholm Conference,

"*Bearing in mind* the importance of cultural values and cultural diversity as important elements of sustainable development,

"*Emphasizing* the need to enhance the potential of culture as a means of prosperity, sustainable development and global coexistence,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

"2. *Invites* all Member States, intergovernmental bodies, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations:

"(a) To ensure, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continuous and effective implementation of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development;

"(b) To intensify further their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects, so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity;

"(c) To implement fully the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 1999;

"(d) To commit themselves to promoting the dialogue among civilizations as an essential process for human development and mutual understanding and for strengthening international cooperation;

"(e) To analyse the connection between culture and poverty in the context of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) as recommended in the Action Plan;

"3. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its work to promote a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development;

"4. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in conjunction, as appropriate, with other relevant United Nations bodies, to provide support to developing countries, including in particular in national capacity-building, for the implementation of international cultural conventions and protection of cultural property, as well as support and opportunities for the promotion and enhancement of cultural goods and services, especially cultural tourism;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 8 December, the Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Culture and development" (A/C.2/55/L.60), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China (see A/C.2/55/SR.42).

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60 (see para. 7).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Culture and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 46/158 of 19 December 1991, 51/179 of 16 December 1996, 52/197 of 18 December 1997 and 53/184 of 15 December 1998 on cultural development,

Encouraged by the positive international response to the results of the World Commission on Culture and Development and the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Stockholm from 30 March to 2 April 1998,

Noting the steps taken by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations in the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development[1] adopted at the Conference,

Bearing in mind the importance of cultural values and cultural diversity as important elements of sustainable development,

Underlining the fact that tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and universal promotion and protection of human rights, including the right to development, are mutually supportive,

Emphasizing the need to enhance the potential of culture as a means of prosperity, sustainable development and global coexistence,

[1] A/53/321, annex, appendix.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;[2]

2. *Invites* all Member States, intergovernmental bodies, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations:

(a) To ensure, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continuous and effective implementation of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development;[1]

(b) To intensify further their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects, so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity;

(c) To implement fully the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 1999;[3]

(d) To commit themselves to promoting the Dialogue among Civilizations as an essential process for human development and mutual understanding and for strengthening international cooperation;

(e) To analyse the connection between culture and development and the elimination of poverty in the context of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) as recommended in the Action Plan;

(f) To safeguard cultural and linguistic diversity in the context of globalization and to support action by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this regard;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its work to promote a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development;

4. *Encourages* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in conjunction, as appropriate, with other relevant United Nations bodies and multilateral development institutions, to continue to provide support, upon request, to developing countries, in particular in national capacity-building, for the implementation of international cultural conventions, including conservation of heritage and protection of cultural property, and for the restitution of cultural property, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/190 of 17 December 1999, as well as support and opportunities for the promotion and enhancement of cultural goods and services and of cultural tourism respectful of the integrity of cultural and natural heritage;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] See A/55/339.

[3] Resolution 53/243.